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Re: Enclosed Request for Mailing of "Official" Notice of Allowance  
U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/574,453  
Attorney Docket No.: FJ-2000-004-US  
Our Reference: MAS.001

Dear Examiner Pham:

Enclosed for filing is a Supplemental Request for Mailing of "Official" Notice of Allowance, in the above-referenced application.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

  
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hiroshi TANAKA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/574,453

Group Art Unit: 2624

Filed: May 19, 2000

Examiner: Pham, Thierry L.

For: PRINT DESIGNATING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND PRINTING  
METHOD AND APPARATUSHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**REQUEST FOR MAILING OF**  
**"OFFICIAL" NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the "Official" Notice of Allowance in the above application be mailed, since only allowed claims are pending in the present application and the application clearly is in condition for immediate allowance.

Particularly, Applicants submit that independent claims 11, 14, 15, and 17 are allowed. A Supplemental Amendment was filed on September 19, 2005 to place all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 2-11, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 24-31) in condition for immediate allowance.

On October 19, 2005, Examiner Pham confirmed that the Notice of Allowance had been approved by his Supervisor, that the Notice of Allowance was counted on October 17, 2005, and that the Issue Revision was completed on October 17, 2005.

An "unofficial" Notice of Allowance was provided by the Examiner via facsimile on November 8, 2005. A copy of which is attached herewith.

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Applicants' representative conducted several telephone interviews with Examiner Thierry L. Pham, Supervisory Patent Examiner David K. Moore, Supervisory Application Examiner Author McCloud, Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner Stacey Kemper, and Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner Earline Green, during the time period from October 3, 2005 to the present, in which it was confirmed that the present application is in condition for allowance and that an "Official" Notice of Allowance would be mailed by the Office.

A Statement of the Substance of the Interview was filed on November 21, 2005, and an additional Statement of the Substance of the Interviews is being filed concurrently herewith.

However, to date, the "Official" Notice of Allowance has not been mailed by the Patent Office.

Applicants submit that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 2-11, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 24-31) are in condition for immediate allowance.

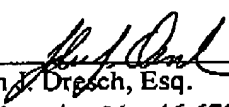
For at least the reasons outlined above, Applicants respectfully Request that the "Official" Notice of Allowance for the above-identified Application be officially entered into the record and mailed to Applicant's representative in accordance with standard U.S. Patent Office procedures.

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It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

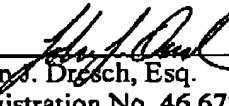
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